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The Center's Purpose

The <u>National Rural Health Resource Center (The Center)</u> is a nonprofit organization dedicated to sustaining and improving health care in rural communities. As the nation's leading technical assistance and knowledge center in rural health, The Center focuses on five core areas:

- Transition to Value and Population Health
- Collaboration and Partnership
- Performance Improvement
- Health Information Technology
- Workforce





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Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Anti-racism



Building a culture where difference is valued

The Center is committed to DEI and anti-racism. We create an environment that reflects the communities we live in and serve; a place where everyone feels accepted and empowered to be their full, authentic selves; and where everyone belongs.

We understand the impact of and seek to defeat racism and discrimination in ourselves, our workplace, and the world. This guides how we cultivate leaders, build our programs and resources, and deliver our technical assistance.

We are an organization that honors, celebrates, and respects all dimensions of diversity. These principles are central to our mission and to our impact_{ralcenter.org} Read more at ruralcenter.org/DEI



Your Participation is Critical For Success!

- Webinar Engagement from our Coordinators helps other SHIP Programs Nationwide.
- Don't hesitate to share your stories!
- Closed captioning is available.
- When not speaking, please keep microphones muted.
- Use chat box, raise hand feature, or come off mute to ask questions. To start, please put your name and state in the chat box.
- A copy of recording will be made available on the SHIP-TA website.
- Please take a moment to complete the polling questions on your screen.





Learning Objectives

- Apply knowledge gained to improve your State's SHIP funding strategy.
- Apply knowledge gained to improve the strategy of your State's SHIP workplan initiatives.
- Understand best practices and steps to implement a consortium-based SHIP funding strategy for your State.



Consortium Defined

- An agreement, combination, or group (as of companies) formed to undertake an enterprise beyond the resources of any one member.
- A consortium of companies refers to a group of two or more companies or organizations that come together to achieve a common goal or project.



Consortium Best Practices

- Form Strategic Partnerships
- Establish Clear Objectives
- Effective Communication
- Efficient Resource Allocation
- Compliance with Regulations
- Impact Measurement and Evaluation
- Continuous Learning and Improvement



Consortium Based Funding

- Pros
 - Enhanced Resource Pooling
 - Increased Collaboration and Networking
 - Improved Access to Specialized Services & Service Delivery
 - Increased Flexibility and Adaptability
 - Enhanced Advocacy and Influence
 - Risk Sharing
 - Improved Sustainability

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 - Complex Decision-Making Processes
 - Resource Allocation Challenges
 - Dependency on Collaboration
 - Potential for Power Imbalance
 - Accountability and Governance Issues



Developing Strategy to Implement

- Needs Assessment
- Stakeholder Identification
- Clear Objectives and Goals
- Consortium Formation
- Funding Strategy
- Resource Allocation Plan
- Performance Monitoring and Evaluation
- Capacity Building and Training
- Sustainability Plan
- Stakeholder Engagement and Communication



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- How can the consortium promote interdisciplinary collaboration and knowledge exchange among rural healthcare professionals, and policymakers to drive innovation and address complex healthcare issues at the state level?



Q&A

Closing Comments



Thank you!

